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February 19, 2008 - Place des Arts, a loyal partner in presenting the FIFA

Montréal, February 19, 2008 – Place des Arts is once again teaming up with the International Festival of Films on Art (FIFA), the largest festival of its kind in the world. A loyal partner in the presentation of the event for seven years running, Place des Arts will host screenings of a dozen films in the program, mainly related to the performing arts, at its Cinquième Salle. Three special events, a poster exhibition and an information kiosk will round out the FIFA presence at Place des Arts this year.

The films* that will be featured in the Cinquième Salle examine the lives and careers of a number of noted personalities in various artistic disciplines: a look at 50 years in the remarkable intellectual and political life of **Simone de Beauvoir**; a portrait of Québec theatre giant **Gilles Pelletier**; a profile of the career of flamenco dancer **Antonio Gades**; the story of the making of the epochal **Bob Marley** album *Exodus*; a lesson in moviemaking with **Clint Eastwood**; a close-up on the life and work of actress **Jeanne Moreau**; a journey through the creative world of choreographer **Pina Bausch**; an exclusive encounter with pop singer **George Michael**; and a study of the unique rise to fame of **Seu Jorge**, the actor and singer who grew up in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro.

As mentioned, Place des Arts will also play host to three special events during the Festival. Arts personalities will gather to "tell stories" about Gilles Pelletier, as a complement to the film *Gilles Pelletier : le chemin parcouru*. To mark the 400th anniversary of Québec City and the naming of Liverpool as the European Capital of Culture this year, the Ensemble contemporain de Montréal will celebrate the history and maritime nature of the two cities, as well as of Montréal, in a performance highlighting three composers and three filmmakers. Lastly, the film *Flow* will pay tribute to the performers in the Cirque du Soleil show "O".

Marie Lavigne, Chief Executive Officer of Place des Arts, views the Festival as a rare opportunity to discover artists from multiple horizons, noting that "The partnership between Place des Arts and the FIFA offers the public the chance to get to know the many forms of art, to discover the creative paths of major artists, and to make connections between art and life through film."

Information kiosk and ticket booth in the Hall des Pas perdus of Place des Arts

From February 22 to March 16, a kiosk will be set up in the Hall des Pas perdus, providing comprehensive Festival information. It will be open from Noon to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, and from noon to 6 p.m. on weekends. Once again this year, event ticketing will be through the Place des Arts box office: 514 842-2112 | 1 866 842-2112 | www.laplaedesarts.com

*For complete program details, see the Festival schedule at www.artfifa.com.

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